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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EC COMMISSION NOTE VERBALE,
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RECEIVED BY MISSION ON FEBRUARY 2, CONCERNING NEW EC
COUNCIL REGULATION GOVERNING FRENCH GUIANA SHRIMP
FISHERY (DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE, IN PARTICULAR, POINT
CONTAINED IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 4, WHICH COMMISSION
FISHERY OFFICIAL FARNELL DID NOT EMPHASIZE IN HIS
FEBRUARY 1 ORAL BRIEFING ON THE NEW REGULATION--SEE
REFTEL.)

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR FISHERIES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE MISSION OF THE ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ON 31 JANUARY 1978 OF A REGULATION LAYING DOWN CERTAIN MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES IN THE 200-MILE ZONE OFF THE COAST OF THE FRENCH DEPARTMENT OF GUYANA.

3. THIS REGULATION, A COPY OF WHICH IS ANNEXED TO THIS NOTE, PROVIDES FOR FISHING FOR SHRIMPS IN THE WATERS OF FRENCH GUYANA BY VESSELS FLYING THE FLAG OF CERTAIN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THAT OF THE UNITED STATES, DURING THE PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY - 31 MAY 1978, SUBJECT TO A CATCH QUOTA AND A CEILING ON FISHING EFFORT. THE QUOTA FOR UNITED STATES VESSELS HAS BEEN FIXED AT 491 METRIC TONS. AS FOR THE FISHING EFFORT ALLOWED, IT WILL BE SEEN FROM ARTICLE 2 OF THE REGULATION THAT FIFTY-FOUR UNITED STATES VESSELS WHICH ARE KNOWN TO THE COMMISSION TO HAVE HABITUALLY LANDED THEIR CATCHES IN FRENCH GUYANA WILL BE GRANTED LICENSES WHICH ARE VALID FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF APPLICATION OF THE REGULATION, WHEREAS LICENSES UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR OTHER UNITED STATES VESSELS WILL BE GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF AN APPROVED FISHING PLAN UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 1297 VESSEL DAYS.

4. THE LIMITS OF FISHING EFFORT PROVIDED FOR IN THE REGULATION WILL ALLOW A CERTAIN FLEXIBILITY IN THE ALLOCATION OF LICENSES BETWEEN THE VESSELS FLYING THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH WISH TO FISH IN COMMUNITY WATERS, WHILE RETAINING AS AN ESSENTIAL OBJECTIVE THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION OF THE SHRIMP STOCK. PROVIDED THAT THE OVERALL LIMIT OF VESSEL DAYS IS NOT EXCEEDED, LICENSES MAY NOW BE ISSUED TO A GREATER NUMBER OF VESSELS FOR A SHORTER TIME PERIOD, OR A REDUCED NUMBER FOR A LONGER PERIOD. IT FOLLOWS THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ARE REQUIRED TO DESIGNATE THE TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH EACH LICENSE IS REQUESTED IN THE FISHING PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION.

5. THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR FISHERIES ALSO WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FISHING TO CONTINUE IN COMMUNITY WATERS PENDING THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW INTERIM MEASURES, LICENSES ISSUED UNDER REGULATION (EEC)

NO. 2159/77 WILL REMAIN VALID UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY 1978,
UNLESS THE COMMISSION IS NOTIFIED BEFOREHAND BY THE
UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES THAT SUCH LICENSES WILL NOT
IN FACT BE USED. THE TIME PERIOD COVERED BY UNRETURNED
LICENSES WILL OF COURSE BE COUNTED AGAINST THE VESSEL
DAYS ALLOCATION REFERRED TO IN THE ANNEX TO THE PRESENT
REGULATION.

6. THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR FISHERIES TAKES THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES
TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION. END TEXT. HINTON

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